

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

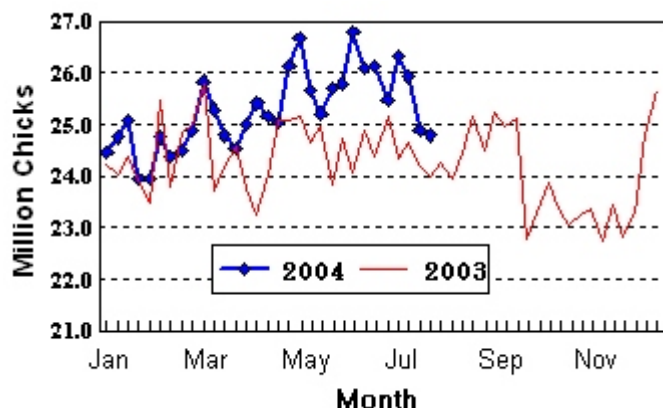
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.8 million during the week ending July 31, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down slightly from the revised previous week, and included 3.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 31, 2004 were 784.0 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.7 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

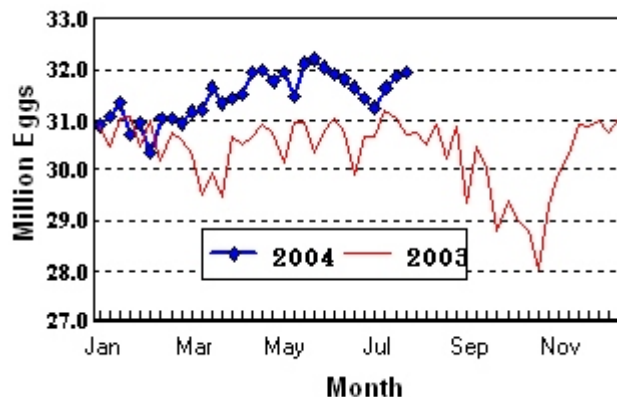
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 31, 2004, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 26	24,413	26,166	107	25,540	26,585	104	29,935	31,647	106
Jul. 3	25,195	25,484	101	25,629	26,419	103	30,676	31,452	103
Jul. 10	24,361	26,353	108	25,097	26,297	105	30,669	31,262	102
Jul. 17	24,697	25,933	105	24,754	26,146	106	31,196	31,653	101
Jul. 24	24,179	24,888	103	25,245	25,985	103	31,054	31,896	103
Jul. 31	24,022	24,805	103	25,150	25,654	102	30,749	31,944	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul		26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul	
Alabama	30,655 *	30,853	30,430	30,505	104	20,484	21,408	21,972	21,113	22,328	21,781	104
ARKANSAS	31,262 *	31,653	31,896	31,944	104	26,166	25,484	26,353	25,933	24,888 *	24,805	103
Delaware	3,561	3,689	3,634	3,719	96	4,908	4,951	4,717	5,093	4,987	5,172	101
Florida	1,366	1,370	1,339	1,355	101	1,644	1,603	1,498	1,456	1,221	1,419	89
Georgia	33,359	33,438	33,088	34,307	106	27,414	28,124	27,286	27,797	27,041 *	25,662	100
Kentucky	7,410	6,970	7,187 *	7,280	106	6,198	6,035	6,131	5,638	6,057 *	6,243	109
Louisiana	3,892	3,907	3,923	3,914	102	3,514	3,941	3,755	3,453	4,009	3,733	101
Maryland	8,891	8,862	8,916	8,908	94	6,078	6,120	6,119	5,835	5,984	5,375	90
Mississippi	19,845	19,829	19,843	19,839	104	17,258	17,348	17,116	17,197	17,203	17,083	103
N. Carolina	18,329 *	18,804	18,093	18,386	104	15,383	15,117	15,355	14,921	13,789	14,997	115
Oklahoma	6,216	6,766	6,679	6,713	109	5,372	4,600	4,164	5,142	5,905	4,880	104
Pennsylvania	3,763	3,964	3,784 *	4,115	107	2,635	2,940	2,909	2,853	2,769 *	2,843	101
S. Carolina	3,510	3,790	3,850	3,828	84	4,087	4,000	4,158	3,729	3,815	3,150	71
Texas	15,380	15,246	15,510	15,365	106	12,790	12,752	12,704	12,770	12,638	12,726	104
Virginia	6,863	6,868	6,852	6,655	103	5,236	5,216	5,701	5,448	5,428	5,638	110
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,130 *	17,441	17,517 *	17,640	106	15,744	16,263	15,989 *	16,123	15,233 *	16,648	104
Total 2004	211,432 *	213,450	212,541 *	214,473		174,911	175,902	175,927 *	174,501	173,295 *	172,155	
Total 2003	204,920	208,336	207,442	206,636		172,446	171,574	169,458	165,525	167,909	167,589	
%Prev. Year	103	102	102	104		101	103	104	105	103	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending July 31, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 31, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 31, 2004 were 5.33 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.